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In re DESIGN APPLICATION of

GIROUARD et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

Before examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 108 to read as follows:

108. (Amended) The snowmobile of claim 107, wherein the steering position is disposed forward of the forward-most drive track axle by about 65 mm.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claim.